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According to Staff's October 25, 2002 Report on Track B: Competitive Solicitation, and the Commission's Order No. 65154, the amount of capacity acquired through competitive solicitation should be a minimum of each IOU's forecasted unmet need for at least the next three years. Sound resource planning suggests that the maximum level of capacity acquired should be limited only by economic considerations. In other words, the utilities should expand their proposed solicitations to include the competitive procurement of energy when it is available on the open market at a price lower than the utility's cost to generate its own power. There are many indicators that suggest now is a particularly good time for a competitive solicitation, from the perspective of consumers, and the solicitation should be designed and implemented in such a way as to maximize the consumer benefits.

Staff's proposal for bid evaluation, however, does not go far enough in specifying what is needed to produce optimum results. The one and only way to determine the value of an offer is to evaluate it within the context of the fully integrated generation operating system. includes the dual considerations of: (1) providing reliable power, and (2) achieving the lowest cost possible. Evaluating these dual considerations also requires a solicitation for more than just the three types of products specified by Arizona Public Service. It also includes an analysis of price risk and volatility risk. Modifying the evaluation process to produce optimum results would require a longer time (approximately six weeks total) for implementation of the solicitation than the proposed schedule allows.

Over-reliance on economy energy purchases to meet energy demand seems a particularly bad idea, especially when so much new generation will be available to sell into Arizona markets in the next few years.

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